

amount not exceeding one half the State tax, and they shall have power to abate all nuisances, and for this may impose such fines as may be necessary to abate them, said fines to go to the use of the corporation.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the commissioners to use the tax in defraying the expenses of said corporation and in repairing the streets and sidewalks, and keeping them in good and passable order. Repair of streets.
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SEC. 10. The commissioners, when organized, shall have power to appoint a secretary, whose duty it shall be to record the proceedings of the commissioners, and also to appoint a treasurer, who shall enter into bond in the sum of five hundred dollars, payable to the State of North Carolina, with one or more sureties approved by the commissioners. And it shall also be their duty to require of the constable elect to enter into bond, payable to the State of North Carolina, in the sum of five hundred dollars, with one or more securities, approved by the said commissioners. Officers.

SEC. 11. The mayor, when elected and qualified, shall have the same powers, to all intents and purposes in criminal cases occurring in said corporate limits, that any other magistrate of the county has. Powers of mayor.

SEC. 12. That the mayor elect, before entering into office, shall go before some person authorized to administer an oath, and take the oath usually taken by such officers; and it shall be his duty to hold an election as provided in section three of this act, on the first Monday of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and on the first Monday in May in each succeeding year thereafter. Oath of mayor.

SEC. 13. That the constable elect, before entering into office, shall go before some person authorized to administer an oath and take the oath usually taken by constables in such cases, and he shall occupy the same position and have the same authority, within said corporation, that the sheriff of any county has within his county: *Provided*, His duties shall only extend to the business of said corporation. Constable.

SEC. 14. The officers of the corporation shall hold their Term of office.